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## FIRST RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office action dated June 23, 2004 in the patent application identified above, please enter the following amendments and reconsider the application in view of the appended remarks. A request for one-month extension of time accompanies this response.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.